

# NEWS JOURNAL

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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### WHAT'S NEXT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT CREATION?



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District #3

Four generations of my family have been educated in Jordan School District (JSD), and we are well pleased and satisfied with our primary education needs being met. I have personally witnessed the dramatic growth of first the east side and now the west side of the district and have observed priorities change with that growth pattern. This situation is fortunate or unfortunate, depending on

viewpoint. Either way, we are now at a point where both sides of the district have significant but different needs. In order to provide appropriate prioritization and focus for those needs, it has become necessary to create two smaller districts. The recent successful vote provides both sides of the valley with the ability to implement the educational opportunities our respective students require.

There has been concern expressed by some that the west side will now be left with enormous capital needs and will be required to bear heavy tax burdens to meet those needs. Everyone should be aware that JSD recently issued nearly \$200 million in pre-authorized bonds for funds to construct approximately 20 new schools on the west side. Those of us on the east side

will help pay off those bonds over the next 10 - 20 years. It should also be noted that the east side cities will join with the west in promoting legislation that will equalize the tax burden for capital improvements on a county-wide basis. Such legislation is currently being studied and bills are being prepared to address that issue. The accusation that the "split" was merely a way for the east side to escape some of the financial burden of providing capital facilities for the west is not accurate.

Another frequently asked question is: "Will the creation of the new, smaller district, enable us to pay for the educational needs and building renovations we so badly need?" With the creation of the new district, we also annexed a significant additional tax base

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE COUNCIL!**

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., (seated center) and Councilmen Don Antczak, Gordon Thomas, Bruce Jones, and Scott Bracken (left to right) wish all a Happy Holiday Season and express appreciation for three years and hundreds of hours spent by city staff, volunteers, and participating residents creating Cottonwood Heights as one of the Top 100 Cities in the United States.





## POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

It's nearing time for a decision to be made about whether Cottonwood Heights should sever its contract with the county and begin self-providing law enforcement services. A feasibility study (available at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)) has been completed and discussed at three public meetings where residents have been able to express opinions. Numerous private contract discussions have been held with the Sheriff and county personnel. Both the city and the Sheriff have distributed brochures to city residents. Each of the last five issues of the city's newsletter in the



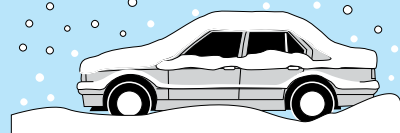
Valley Journal has discussed the issue and provided additional information. It has been discussed in "Town Meetings" held during 2007. The City Council will continue to receive and study correspondence from the public through December 15th, and a decision will be made sometime around the first of the year at a regularly scheduled City Council Business Meeting.

If the city decides to self-provide, it is required to give the county 180 days notice of its intent to sever the contract. Should that occur, it would be late summer or fall before the city would have a new police department.

## You are responsible for your SNOW!!

As you enjoy the beauty of and contemplate the joy of playing in the snow falling on your yard this winter, remember that which falls on the public right-of-way abutting your property must be removed within one hour following cessation of snowing or by 8:00 a.m. in the event of an overnight snow. Sidewalks are the property owner's or occupants' responsibility. Those owning corner lots have two frontages to make safe. The city will take care of the streets but property owners must either remove or arrange for someone else to remove any snow on abutting public walkways (*Ordinances 14.32.100 & 110 are on-line at [cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).*)

In order to fully open the streets and walkways, vehicle owners must also remove their vehicles from the streets in time for the snow plows to do their work. Efficient snow removal requires cooperation from residents. Don't let your car be the reason snow is piled high in front of your house. City ordinances allow for ticketing of cars not removed for snow plowing purposes. Having to pay a ticket because the car wasn't removed, after spending time shoveling, will add "insult to injury." Be good citizens and neighbors by doing your fair share.



## DISTRICT #3 "TOWN MEETING" HELD

Approximately 100 residents of city council district #3 assembled in the council chambers on Thursday, Nov. 15, for a "Town Meeting" discussion with Councilman Don Antczak, Mayor Kelynn Cullimore, Jr., City manager Liane Stillman, and members of the city staff. This was the third of four "Town Meetings" to be held between March of this year and February, 2008. The District #4 meeting will be held sometime in February.

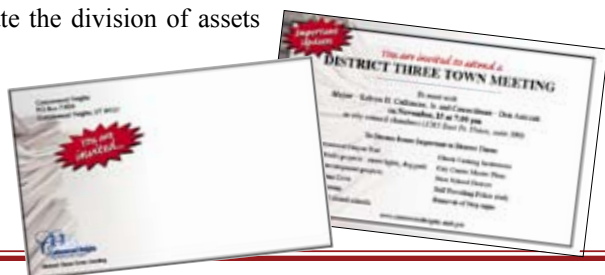
Councilman Antczak conducted the meeting and began by showing a recently prepared video giving some history of the area and discussing major accomplishments to date. Following the video, Councilman Antczak opened the discussion by briefly outlining what the next steps will be in the creation of a new school district which was approved by the voters in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election. He and Mayor Cullimore, responded to questions about the timetable for the new district and their vision of the advantages of the new district. They reported that discussions are now going on in the selection of two transition teams that will facilitate the division of assets

and liabilities. New school boards will be elected for each district next June, and all future decisions will be in their hands. The existing board will continue to function until July, 2009, at which time the new district and the remaining district will become responsible for education in their respective geographic areas.

Other items discussed included: whether the city should self-provide police services, traffic calming devices and the frustration of stop sign locations on some of the city streets, the proposed dog park, and miscellaneous questions about ordinance enforcement.

There was extended discussion about the possibility of the city self-providing police services. City Manager Stillman explained that the city is preparing an educational mailer to be delivered to each home and that additional information is available on the city website at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

Following the two hour meeting, numerous one-on-one discussions were held with citizens and various city officials.



## SUB-FOR-SANTA 2007

The 2007 city-sponsored Sub-for-Santa is rapidly coming together and additional donations are needed. As of Thanksgiving, the deadline for recommending recipients, there were 11 children in five families needing help. A sixth family is being considered. Contributions will be accepted until each individual is taken care of and all additional gifts are taken to The Road Home Shelter in Midvale.

Sherry McConkey, City Planning Coordinator, is organizing Sub-for-Santa for the city and she stated, "We especially need money, gift cards, utility cards, and non-perishable food or food gift cards." For those wanting to purchase gifts or to make contributions of any kind, please contact Sherry at 545-4172 or by email at [smcconkey@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:smcconkey@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

## Election Results

It's a lot easier to win when you are unopposed, according to Councilmen Gordon Thomas and Scott Bracken. They both were re-elected on Nov. 6 to four year terms and both without opposition, unless one counts the handful of write-in votes they did not receive. Councilman Thomas represents District #1 and Councilman Bracken represents District #2. One person filed to run against Councilman Thomas and he withdrew within a week after the filing deadline.

The ballot question of most interest to Cottonwood Heights residents, whether to form a new school district, also passed with 53% of the vote from the east side cities and specifically 63% of voters in Cottonwood Heights.

Congratulation to both councilmen and to those promoting the district split. Now the work begins for the council and for the school district proponents.





### Emergency Preparedness Tip for December

Complete an emergency contact card and make a copy for each member of your family to carry in their purse or wallet. Be sure to include your out of town contact. It may be easier to reach someone out of town.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR PROCRASTINATORS

It's safe to keep Emergency Planning at the top of your New Year's Resolutions list, because on January 17, 2008, you will be able to check it off. Bring the family to the city offices at 6 p.m. for a 2-3 hour cram course on the basics. This free class will be taught from the Red Cross Home Preparedness Program, compliments of Cottonwood Heights.

*The evening will consist of several quick moving, informative segments that cover:*

- How to prepare for a disaster
- What to do when phones and power die
- How to locate family members
- Protecting pets
- What to put in to and take out of a 72 hour kit
- Where to find safe food and water
- Where to go if you're suddenly homeless

- Where to find emergency medical attention
- How to get help from police, fire, church, Red Cross, and the city
- How to apply for disaster aid from FEMA, Red Cross, United Way, etc.
- How to help friends and neighbors
- Answers to your preparedness Questions


This will be a fun evening but it's not fluff. You will leave confident you and your family will know how to keep safe. **Sign up today by calling Shelly at 545-4154 or email at [shanson@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:shanson@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).**


### PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

for  
December, 2007

*The following public works projects will be on-going during December:*

- Crack sealing all streets east of Wasatch Blvd.
- Installing new city entry sign at Highland Drive and Creek Road
- Installing ADA curb ramps from 3500 East to Wasatch Blvd, north of Bengal Blvd.






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**UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Now that temperatures have cooled, home and business furnaces are turning on. Have your furnace inspected and serviced by a reputable company. Now is the time to purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors if you don't have one or if they are more than five years old. This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. Fire calls in Cottonwood Heights are up 67% over last year.

### KEVIN SATO JOINS CITY STAFF



training courses. He is an active member of UGIC, the GIS Professional Organization, where he has served as board chair on two occasions. He also oversees the GIS Education Mentor program.


Although he started as an architect, Kevin has been in GIS for nearly 20 years. His most recent position was as GIS Administrator for Murray City where he was employed from 1995 until he came to Cottonwood Heights last month.

In 2005 he was selected as a panelist for the Plenary Session of an International Users Conference where he presented to 12,000 GIS professionals. Kevin is married with two children and is a competition soccer coach. He and his family live in Murray.

As the city continues to grow it is fortunate to find employees with the experience and training exemplified by Kevin Sato.

Veteran GIS Professional, Kevin Sato, has been hired by Cottonwood Heights to set up and operate the city Geographic Information System (GIS). Michael Black, City Planning Director, in whose department Kevin will work, stated: "Most all city departments will use Kevin's skills and having his services in-house will save the city time and money. GIS services have been provided by an outside contractor until now."

Kevin is a Salt Lake County native and worked in Salt Lake City and Murray City before coming to Cottonwood Heights. He was educated at the University of Utah and has attended numerous advanced



## halloween Fun with the city

"This is great and you should do it again" was the frequently heard comment as parents and children departed the city offices on Halloween. Approximately 80 children and their parents made their Trick or Treat calls at the city office this year and it was great fun for the children and city employees. Each child made about 15 stops in the city offices in addition to stops at most of the other businesses in the building. Children and city workers were in costume and even a couple of council members made appearances dressed appropriately as business professionals.

Treats included a variety of candy along with Frisbees, coloring books, pens, pencils and other fun toys.



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while retaining the existing base. With these funds, we will be able to provide and improve services and facilities for the special needs of all of our students. We will also be able to use our schools as community facilities and maximize the use of our tax dollars. We will enjoy many of the same advantages of local control we have realized as a new city.

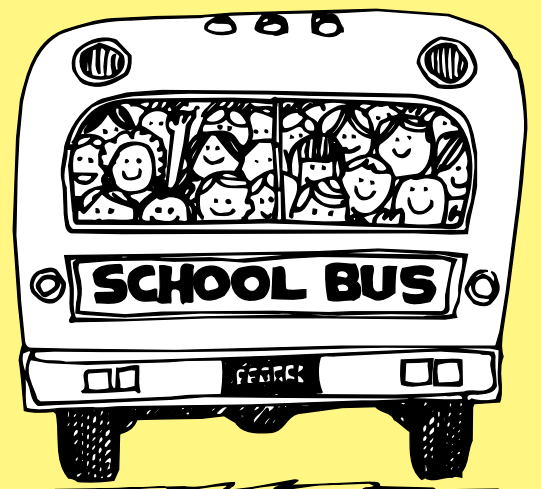
As for the new district, there are many details that must be addressed within specified time constraints in order for it to be prepared by July 1, 2009, to begin educating our children. The immediate need, following the formal canvassing of the vote, is for the appointment of transition teams representing both "new" districts. This must be done within 30 days of the canvass (sometime in mid-December). Those appointments are now being discussed by mayors and staff representatives of the east side cities. Shortly after the transition teams are appointed, the existing JSD Board of Education is required to deliver a copy of its inventory of all

assets and liabilities to each transition team (sometime in early January, 2008). The two teams will then begin the statutory process of dividing both assets and liabilities between the two "new" districts. This process must be completed by July 1, 2008, unless extended by mutual agreement. Any ownership or value differences not resolved by that time must go to arbitration.

Coinciding with that effort, the county is responsible for designating school board member districts for elections to be held in both of the new districts. Each district will have seven school board members to be elected in June, 2008. Filing dates and election dates will also be set by the county. Following the election of board members in both new districts, there will be three functioning school boards. This scenario will continue until July 15, 2009, shortly after the division becomes formal. JSD, as we know it now, will continue to be responsible for education on both sides of the river for the remainder of this school year and all of the next school year, ending in June, 2009. (Incidentally, I suggest calling the

new district "Canyons School District" to make the discussion about the two districts less cumbersome, but the final decision of a name will be made by the new school board.)

With all the change I've personally experienced living at the base of these majestic mountains, I'm still ready for and accepting of more because I recognize growth requires it. I am optimistic this change will benefit both current and future generations.



## PET LICENSING TO CHANGE IN 2008

Beginning on January 1, 2008, Cottonwood Heights' new Ordinance Enforcement Division will be responsible for licensing dogs, cats, and ferrets. Existing county issued licenses will be valid until they expire during 2008.

Licensure is required within 30 days of acquiring a new pet or of moving into the city, and prior to its five month birthday for a newborn.

### *Licensing options are as follows:*

1. Submit a completed application with proof of sterilization (if applicable) and rabies vaccinations and the appropriate fee to: Cottonwood Heights, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. #250, OR
2. For those unable to visit the city office: call 545-4154 and request that an Ordinance Enforcement Officer be sent to your home to assist with licensing, OR
3. Ask your Veterinarian (if office is within Cottonwood Heights) if he/she is authorized to issue pet licenses for Cottonwood Heights.

### THE RABIES TAG PROVIDED BY YOUR VETERINARIAN IS NOT A LICENSE!

#### *The fee schedule for licensing is:*

**\$5.00** Pets must be spayed or neutered

**\$25.00** Non-sterilized pets (\$20 for Senior Citizens)

**\$25.00** Late fee

**\$15.00** One-time fee for Senior Citizen with sterilized pet

If applying as a Senior Citizen for a discounted license, include a copy of Driver's License or other proof being 60 years of age or older.

### A REMINDER!

CITY ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT ALL DOGS BE ON A LEASH WHEN OUTSIDE THE HOME AND WITHIN COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS' CITY LIMITS.